

## **USAWE International Program Details**

### **Benefits of the International Program**

- Invitations to specific events, clinics and training camps.
- Guidance in a variety of topics (competition planning, competition skills, traveling tips/connections, etc.).
- Coaching at international events, both domestic and overseas.
- Team swag.

### **Objectives of the International Program**

- Field Competitive teams for international events, both domestic and overseas.
- Create a competitive education program, strategy and philosophy which will be used to improve our competitiveness in international competitions.

### **Structure**

- Identify potential events and training venues which will accomplish the goals of the program.
- Once preliminary interest is established between both parties, the IC Chair will extend a formal invitation.
- The committee will provide the coach, manager and host venue with approved guidelines for operating educational events.
- The committee may remove any coach, manager and/or competitors, including alternates, that do not follow the process.
- The committee may remove any team member/alternate who has not met their obligations as outlined.
- Team candidates will be asked to seek sponsors/participate in fundraising for the IC, as appropriate for planned activities. This money will not apply to any one person's account for clinics, camps or competitions. (Donated funds will remain in the International Program Fund per 501(c)(3) requirements.)
- To avoid any perception of conflict of interest, no member of the International Committee who is also long listed for a team will participate in the final team selection.

### **Team selection/qualification**

- Applications for a place on the team will include a contract with the team member/alternate to include a payment schedule, commitments, deposit request, medical/insurance information and card.
- There is no limit to the number of events that an individual may be selected for as long as they meet the event requirements.
- Must have access to at least one qualified horse (NOTE: the number of horses may be different if you are named to a team for a domestic event).
- Team members selected for an event have the following minimum obligation:
  - Domestic Events - Provide two horses for events; help procure and share

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in the expense (if necessary) of two additional horses for a reserve pool;  
o International Events - Be prepared to, at your expense, either a) lease a horse for the competition or b) ship your horse to the event.

- attend team training clinics at their cost as requested by the coach; help raise funds for the event and meet all financial commitments associated with the event.

### **International Program Financial Protocol**

- The committee will be responsible for developing and publishing all budgets to include the expected costs of the coach and Chef d'Equipe expenses.
- All donated funds remain in the IC account.
- An individual accounting of donations received for each team member/alternate will be kept for each specific event.
- Donated funds will remain in the International Program Fund per 501(c)(3) requirements.
- Team members/ alternates may only receive a refund of personally paid funds over the actual cost of the tour if all requirements stated on the tour application are met.